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PROBLEMS POPULATION GROWTH AND ADEQUATE FOOD PRODUCTION

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1. BECAUSE OF CURRENT CONGRESSIONAL PROHIBITION ON BILATERAL
ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR MOZAMBIQUE, EMBASSY HAS NOT YET
ESTABLISHED A CONTINUING DIALOGUE WITH MOZAMBIQUE LEADERSHIP
ON POPULATION AND FOOD PROBLEMS. HOWEVER, PROSPECT OF APPROVAL
FOR PL 480 TITLE II EMERGENCY FOOD AID NECESSITATED
BY 1978 FLOODS AND CONSULTATIONS WITH GPRM IN PREPARING
SOUTHERN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT ANALYSIS PROGRAM (SADAP) PAPERS
WILL GIVE US OPPORTUNITIES DURING COMING MONTHS TO INDICATE
TO GPRM THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO POPULATION FOOD PROGRAMS

2. TOP PRIORITY OF MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT IS INCREASING FOOD
PRODUCTION TO MEET DOMESTIC NEEDS. THIS THEME WAS REEMPHASIZED
BY PRESIDENT MACHEL IN HIS AUGUST SPEECHES TO THE
CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF RELIMO (MOZAMBIQUE'S RULING PARTY) AND
TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. SINCE ONLY ABOUT ONE FIFTH TILLABLE
LAND IN MOZAMBIQUE CURRENTLY UNDER CULTIVATION, MOZAMBIQUE
GOVERNMENT HAS NOT YET FELT NEED TO ESTABLISH A POPULATION
PLANNING PROGRAM. HOWEVER, ARTICLES ON METHODS AND DESIRABILITY
SUCH AS THE BULLETIN OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH.

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EMBASSY ALSO PROVIDES DOCUMENTS ON POPULATION PLANNING
TO MINHEALTH.
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